## The Government's Constantly In- stood behind him and threatened the elk with creasing Collection of Animals.

TO BE MOVED TO NEW PARK.

Show Their Peculiarities—The Baby Buffalo and Its Relatives—The Valuable Puma—

Mr. Weedon. The Present Quarters-How the Animals Angora Goats as Butters.



" TT HE FASCINATION exercised by wild animals over human beings is one of the strangest things about civilization. The more a man becomes cultivated the more he is drawn to look at the lower order of brutes in their native tate of untamed ferocity. This fact has been very profitably utilized by showmen of all descriptions, and the exhibition of wild animals has become one of the standard methods of making a living, being simply the supplying of a

Hence the collection of animals that has spots to which all visitors to this city are drawn sooner or later in their course among the sected, and thus made to furnish their quota of information to the general fund. A large number of live animals were, from time to time, contributed, and at last the specimens and put ikto a cage. This led to other animals too many cages standing around in the National Museum and the Smithsonian for comfort, and present Zoo was generated.

THE SMALL REGINNING. A small building was erected at the rear of the old structure and determined systematic efforts were made by Prof. Hornaday, the curator of live animals, to secure specimens of all the living American animals that seemed likely to disappear, through persistent hunting or otherwise, so that a collection could be formed that would show the fauns of this continent, such as might be utterly impossible fifty or a hundred years from now. The buffalo was the animal which Mr. Hornaday had particularly in mind, for reports from the west indicated that that magnificent indigenous creature was fast disappearing from the plains. His efforts were very successful, though in a small way at first, and today there has been accumulated a collection of specimens such as will, in a few years, be quite out of the question to duplicate.

A small herd of buffalo was secured from a wealthy gentleman in Detroit, and this made the first important contribution. Then "Buffalo Bill" gave a magnificent wapiti, or elk. portance of the aggregation of untamed nature. The quarters for the animals were enlarged until they reached their present limit, about a year ago. Contributions are being received every week or so from persons interested in the work of preserving the specimens, that entitle it to better quarters. THE ZOO PARK.

ington can boast of a zoological garden easily rivaling that in Central Park in New York, those in the parks of Chicago or that in Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. The project for a large park on Rock creek adjoining the great nawork of preparing the ground for the reception of visitors and the erection of buildings is pro-

building, confined as they are in their small pens, where they are unable to romp for warmth. The buffalo, with their great shaggy fur, are better off than some of the others, and they stand together, huddled up as if on the plains, making the best of a bad bit of weather. Their number has recently been increased to seven by the arrival of a small infant bison (that word is considered incorrect by the formed one of the popular sensations of the town ever since her advent into the Zoo. The contributor in this case is a fine cow buffalo, one of the original herd, which is now the proudest of them all. The infant is thriving in its captivity, and seems likely to grow up to be as big and ugly and hideous as its father or its mother, unless something horrible and unfore-seen occurs to jar the family happiness of this queer collection. The baby buffalo, as it is tenderly called by the populace, has been visited since its birth by thousands of people, who were somewhat disappointed to find that



THE BERD OF BUFFALO. ny of those that may be seen in almost any Maryland or Virginia pasture, and that it did not have an enormous head or a very shaggy cost and tremendous horns with which to gore and kill. The popular idea of the buffalo, in fact, has been considerably shocked by the presentation made by this herd, and the baby has impuned the reputation of the animal for huge grandeur and regality. A lady standing by the wire netting that forms the limit of their range the other day gave the "baby" a name when it came up to her and kissed her hand gallantly—she is of the feminine persuasion, the baby—which has remained a fixture around the Zoo despite other attempts to fasten various sorts of cognomens upon this poor helpless in-fant. She immortalized both herself and the keeper of these animals by christening the buf-falo "May Weedon."

meshes, wriggling this way and that without TWILL BE A GREAT ZOO any seeming design but to be contrary. The photograph of him from which this cut was nade was taken from inside the inclosure, the reporter advancing to within what seemed to be a large stick. The animal stood at bay at the other end of the cage waving his antiers and giving vent to a peculiar snort, which indicated a certain amount of bad temper. In the buffalo compartment the animals had been driven together with some difficulty, and the snap was taken in great haste. The cow had objected to be photographed, and was driven



Next to the elk is a fine collection of Angora natural demand for both goats, beautiful animals, with long, silky hair amusement and informa- and gracefully turned horns. There are about half a dozen of them, and when THE STAR reporter aimed his camera at them from outside grown up in this city behind the Smithsonian up to the bars to have their pictures taken, building, known in standard English as the so that the negative shows a comical row of "Zoo," is today one of the most interesting horned heads peering through the square holes in the grating. One of these animals has been named "Oleomargarine" because, so say the keepers, he is the original butter. He is "sights." When a STAR reporter visited the the oldest in the flock, a great strong fellow, Zoo the other day he found a very modest cot-lection, but it is the nucleus for what, it is look in his eye. For two years (the authorities hoped, will be the finest collection of animals in this country. It has a rather peculiar hisin this country. It has a rather peculiar his-done nothing but butt at a board on the edge tory, being the outgrowth not of a first definite of the cage. He first gnaws at it and the netidea for the formation of such an attraction, ting with his horns and then, placing bimself but of an entirely different motive. Up to three or four years ago all animals sent to at the obnoxious hoard with all his might, hit-the institution to be utilized in the pursuit of ting it a crack that can be heard all over the There are several smaller animals in this in-

closure and a fine flock of turkeys and ducks. OUT-OF DOOR ANIMALS.

In a line of small cages across a narrow pasbecame to be of a valuable nature, so that one day one of them was kept, out of the kindness sageway from the compartments are the other length and sharpness, and bristle up at the of heart of the scientist into whose hands he fell, animals that can be kept out of doors, such as and put ikto a cage. This led to other animals a Mexican peccary, some small barn owls, being spared from time to time, until there were hawks, a fox and others of that sort. The owis, a pair of them, are furnished with what seems to be universal pivots in their necks, for a plan was devised to preserve the specimens in a regular manner, and then the idea of the turning their heads completely around without

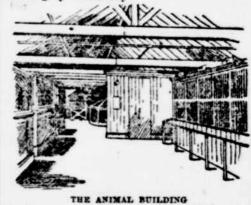


moving their feet. They are the most solemn, the wisest birds in the whole collection. Running parallel with the building is another line of cages, those at the western end being and have been named Trial and Tribulation

THE GEM OF THE COLLECTION. Perhaps the gems of the whole Zoo, however. and slowly the Zoo is growing into proportions are to be found in a couple of cages at the eastern end of this line. In the first of these, going from the large inclosure, is a magnifi-Those quarters have been provided, and it is cent coagar or puma, an enormous brown cat now but a matter of a few months before Wash- with eyes of an indescribable violet. She is about three years old and very playful at times. For a while after her donation it was not thought that she would live, for she pined was allowed to go out into a small yard behind the main animal building, and there she gradually regained the use of her powerful limbs and grew strong again. One day she became so frisky that Keeper Weedon was obliged to give gressing at a very satisfactory rate, which her a sound trouncing, and ever since then she from their sleep with great difficulty. romises completion in a comparatively short has hated the sight of him. When he comes near her cage she slinks away to the rear and never moves her eyes from him. No amount of kindness can cure her of this habit, and she



The next cage contains a young grizzly bear about two years old, but apparently able to key, one of the spider variety, about four take care of himself. He is one of those rest- months old. He is so small that he has to be less individuals that never seem to have enough kept in a parrot's cage by himself, where he waiking, and he has worn a track in the floor of his small cage, where he has paced around and around it in an attempt to exercise. He is very good natured and, unlike his neighbor, has a great fondness for Mr. Weedon. This portrait of him was taken while the latter was feeding him a dog biscuit, the prepared food that is given to the animals occasionally to keep them in good condition and of which the was formerly kent in the large cage with the keep them in good condition, and of which they are very fond. This was the first time that bruin had ever had his picture taken standing up in this way.



which each of the out-springing compartments which to loiter, owing to the somewhat pungent has an outlet. In this building are the shelters for the animals during a storm, and here are the lares and penates of their joint households. Which tends in the center and is opposite the middle door on the side. Here is a row of the The compartments are queerest creatures imaginable, nine solemn kept separate inside the owls, whose monkey-like faces—they are well His many miracles to mortal sight. kept separate inside the building as well as outside, for the problem of a modern Noah's Ark has not yet been solved. The buffalo have the largest amount of room, on the south side of the inclosure, with the such states as Florida and Texas; but of late there have been several broods discorner (this circle has large dove, of a light brown or snuff color, and weezes age.

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corner (this circle has corners) is devoted to their time standing on one leg spiece, apparently asleep. But they are not usually, for it is said by the keepers that each and every one of them has its eyes fixed on a certain small hole in the floor just in from having any company in his captivity.

His great, spreading antiers are usually endanged in trying to shook down the netting above goes in trying to shook down the netting above with these enormous prongs fastened into the



TALEER-BIS SPEECH AT THE REFORM CLUB. day a mink escaped from one of the cages an there was a stampede of rats all through the building. A hundred at least tried to escape from the ravenous animal through this hole, but as fast as one would put its head up into the opening it would be nabbed by one of the waiting nine. waiting nine. The owls had more to eat that day than they have ever had since.

THE OCELOT. One of the prettiest animals in the indoor collection is a small tiger cat or ocelot that has been here for about five months. It is about twice as large as the domestic cat, but more strongly marked, with darker stripes than the home tabby. It is very tame, being quite play-ful with the keepers, so that it is frequently taken from its cage and let to run on the grass, making no effort to escape. THE STAR re-porter tried to get a photograph of the little fellow the other day while he was out on the lawn, but the animal had so much curiosity as to the camera that it insisted upon following the reporter around so closely that it was impossible to get a proper focus. It was worse than the average baby in a photograph gallery. This animal is somewhat lame and limps badly when it walks. Keeper Weedon says that it has been hurt by a door falling upon it, but it is thought by the officers of the museum that this is one of those queer cases of spinal disease that comes to animals of this nature when confined in small cages where they cannot give their leaping muscles full play.

THE BEAR CAGE. At the west end of the building is a cage of four bears, perhaps the best collection of those animals that the Zoo could have in the present quarters. There are three black bears and one cinnamon, and the four form a very happy family. Their cage is so arranged that they have a little yard in which to walk around in the open air and they seem to be quite happy in their home. Two of the smaller black bears came together and are known as Romeo and Juliet. The other black bear is a jolly fellow, very tame, and has a habit of climbing up on the top of the building and walking along the roof, to the great astonishment of the visitors, who invariably run to the keeper and tell him that one of his animals has broken loose. He never tries to get away, but always returns after his little trips along the ridge pole.

In the other end of the room are several ages containing small animals, such as foxes of various kinds, "possums," wood chucks, hedge hogs and porcupines. A pair of African porcupines was received the other day and now orm one of the leading attractions of the room.

FROM WARM COUNTRIES. In a small room on the north side of the building are some tropical animals that require considerable heat, and here is the source of a loud noise that usually frightens the visitors to the Zoo. This noise sounds as if there was some one outside who wanted to get in very hastily and was loosing temper because no one paid at-tention to the knocking. Following up the sounds it is found that they proceed from one or both of a pair of monkeys in a large cage at the end of the room. They are very vicious as well as mischievous, and furnish more amusement than the rest of the Zoo put together. One of them is quite old and is almost vorried into a grave by the pranks of the other. The loud noise is made by one of the monkeys jumping to the top of a shelf that runs across the back of the cage, and taking hold of it with both "hands" and shaking it up and down with all of its might. Or else it will jump over to the netting and shake it back and forth so violently that it would seem as if it would es-RING-TAILED MONKEYS.

In the other cage is a trio of monkeys of latter his and snap at all who come near objects, to the great disgust of the owners of multitudes. The spider is a solemn little fellow with a long reach and the three of them often give very clever exhibitions of rope swinging and various sorts of contortions. Just beneath these cages is a long trough in which are half a dozen or more great tortoises, that lie stupidly all day long without moving. They do not seem to be of the same brand as that which Mr. Æsop once heard of as beating a hare. LIZARDS ALLIGATORS.

In another sort of cage trough is a collection of lizards and alligators. One of the latter is about three feet long, being two years old. Another is somewhat shorter, but the rest of them are between six inches and a foot long. They, too, are very sluggish and are roused



The pet of the room, however, is a baby monvalking, and he has worn a track in the floor of plays all sorts of quiet pranks in a slow, delib-He was formerly kept in the large cage with the other spider and the ring tails, but they handled him so roughly he had to be taken out to pre-serve his life. They would throw him, in play, entirely across the cage.

Besides these animals that have been thus

specially mentioned there are scores of others, great and small, all beautiful specimens of their kind, some beautiful in truth, some hideous, some playful, others bad tempered. They are good condition and promise to be very happy in their new homes out on Rock creek

Mine Workers in Convention. The United States mine workers of the coke demands as prepared by the wage committee. This committee will meet the coke operators keeper of these animals by christening the buffalo "May Weedon."

THE ANIMAL BUILDING

THE PARSENT QUARTERS.

The quarters are arranged with a view to the economy of space as well as material and form a large and rather awkward circle around a central building, into which each of the out.

As a rule it is a rather unpleasant place in matters for a long session.

THIS COMMINITEE WITH MEET the Coke operators on January 3 and present their scale of wages for signature. At yesterday's convention about sixty delegates of the various lodges reported. The convention is the most interesting held at any period of the year, since it regulates the wages to govern the region. At yesterday's meeting but little was done and the principal business transacted was confined to adjusting matters for a long session. matters for a long session.

The Winter is a wondrous wizard wight,

Old as the hills, who on the earth below, And high in airy regions loves to show

TWO AFTER DINNER SPEECHES. What the Week Has Produced in New

A POST PRANDIAL ORATOR—THE NEW ENGLAND

orrespondence of The Evening Star. New York, December 25. more the forum for the orator. On the more winter engagements are so many and of such ambitious occasions of the sort all pretense of different natures, and she is so constantly meetan extemporaneous, happy-go-lucky quality is abandoned and the most elaborate preparations are made. The speakers treat themselves are kind of entertainments. Though,

quite as seriously and their speeches are listened to as critically as at the lord mayor's banquet in London, where the British government are supposed to outline their policy. The New England dinner last Monday night was no exception. This occasion for years has divided with the chamber of commerce the first place in the calendar of its class and of the two is perhaps the more brilliant and enjoyable.

same kind of entertainments. Though, as is too frequently the case, her stock of ideas may be few and hackneyed, her tollettes must be fresh and many, according to her standard, that which passe and worn out by New Year's. So her milliner, modiste and tailor are continually on the alert for new designs and odd conceptions, and as a consequence milady appears every week or two in a new robe of rare and radiant design. Among the latest models for afternoon But I speak of the proceedings this year more particularly to notice the man who made the great speech of the night, and who is rapidly becoming, or more properly has become known, as the man who always makes the great

an example of evolution as the generation has witnessed, fully matching another parallel example of evolution in the person of Chauncey M. Depew. Only a few years ago President Patton was the obscure pastor of an up-town Presbyterian church, with a reputation for thorough, but rather plodding scholarship, voted dull in the pulpit, and without much success as a pastor. His whole effect during this embryonic stage was that of a dry book worm—what the college boys would call a "dig." A few men knew his value and believed in his star, but the public at large had no knowledge of or interest in him. He first gained the ear of the public by the strenuous and almost savage way in which he conducted a theological controversy with a noted heretic in the Presbyterian church. The energy and the learning with which he, then a professor in Princeton College, conducted this controversy, brought him to the front as a champion of the strictest sect of Presbyterianism. As such his fame went abread through all the seminaries, and to some degree beyond. No one, however, attached the entertaining quality and scarcely the philosophic property to his speech. But once in the public ye his evolution has been marvelous. When clected president of Princeton College to suc-ceed Dr. McCosh few knew him and fewer still agreed with the theologians, who were almost only supporters, that he would make a university. But, as a matter of fact, he is evincing a power and a charm that is not exy the most successful college presidents and is equaled by very few of them. He easily ranks with Eliot of Harvard Dwight of Yale, Low of Columbia and Gilman of Johns Hopkins as a man who can counted upon to typify in any assemblage the finest culture and the most finished manners of the American gentleman. One striking characteristic in President Patton's evolution is the brilliancy of his wit, and in no particular has the cut-and-dried plodding parson astonished his friends more than in this. His epigrams and bon-mots are as classic as those which gave Evarts the reputation he held against all comers for twenty years, of being the best after-dinner speaker in New York. But in addition he has a gift of uttering the most telling things on the gravest subjects, yet without any violation of the implied obligation at a festival not to wound or bore.

BAMPLE SENTENCES. To notice some of the sparkling sentences in Monday night's speech, though such extracts always suffer from the surgery of the scissors, he began by a graceful tribute to the occasion. 'To speak," he said, "at this table has come to another sort, two of them being veritable ring be regarded as in itself the blue ribbon of posttails and the other one a Mexican spider. The tails and the other one a Mexican spider. The line of cages, those at the western end being devoted to a couple of American eagles and a sinuous caudal appendage around neighboring Stanley through 'darkest Africa' and in the other we are told how Mr. McCallister 'found' the objects. They are very expert with their society. I regard the latter as the more importails and furnish a vast amount of fan for the tant of the two, for while there was a general and I might say, a universal agreement among us regarding the whereabouts of Africa, there has been great diversity of sentiment regarding the boundary line of society." A moment after-ward, in tracing back American society to its source, he said that we could not organize a Newport picnic without reverting to the Pil-grim Fathers, and added, "Who, then, will depise the day of small things? The little one has not yet become a thousand, but we have good authority for saying that the figures have touched Turning here to his more serious side. he let fall an observation that has the flavor of the best passages in Thackeray. "Every man," he observed, "moves in his own world; the outsider passes his neighbor's door, looks in at his window and generally succeeds in misjudging him. The gift of seeing others as they are is quite as much to be coveted as that of seeing ourselves as others see us. Vanity is no worse than consciousness.

I am tempted to keep on quoting, especially as it would improve the contents of my letter over any matter of my own; but I shall only is tyrrany." "Authors get rich by writing Utopias in which they will get no copyright. The corporation is civilization's greatest invention, and we owe it to the jurists. There is but one thing needed, and that is, since law has made it a person, the gospel should give it a soul." When I say that I could go on quoting such sentences as this for a column, I think all will agree that the well-fed descendants of the Pilgrims, and their friends, on Monday night listened to a very great speech.

The following night came another banquet, quite as notable in its way, as around the ma-

ex-President could not but have felt proud of his welcome, for the assemblage "rose at him," and his every word fell on attentive ears. Cleveland's popularity is unquestionable, both among the masses and among the thinking few. And I don't think he can be laughed down by jibes on his fat. Many a big man has also been great. Cleveland somewhat reminds me of Kutuzof, the antagonist of Napoleon in the Russian campaign. The hero of Borodino, as Tolstoi paints him, was obese, half blind, slow, clumsy and duil. But, to speak after the manner of men, he got there

cope with.

Cleveland's speech was entirely character istic, dignified, serious and deeply moral, a post prandial homily such as the ex-President post prandial homily such as the ex-Freshdelt invariably makes over the nuts and raisins. We have not yet forgotten the solemn discourse have not yet forgotten the solemn discourse But Whiting's prediction was not verified.

Jackson never became a musician. region are holding a delegate convention at have not yet forgotten the solemn discourse Pittsburg to consider the new scale of miners' which he preached at the Washington banquet. liked, coming from Cleveland. One is tempted to call him the most popular pulpit orator of the day. The clergyman in his blood comes out on these occasions and wins the hearts of his not always godly hearers, because, I take it, men see in the speaker a politician who takes a more serious view of duty than any one since Lincoln. This is the universal expression; that Cleveland, in a calm, strong, plain way, can be

HENRY R. ELLIOT.



FOR FORTUNE'S FAVORITES. Models of Fashion From Redfern's Latest

When Madame La Mode or Mamselle Bon Ton has got together several dozen articles of DINNER - EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND AS A dainty underwear, a number of elegant gowns, four or five wraps of various sizes and shapes, and as many hats, why then in the opinion of old-fashioned people she is thoroughly fitted out for at least six months to come. But alas, The public dinner is becoming more and for her time, temper and pocket book. Her



golden brown quilted satin and trimmed with a golden chain band of golden otter. A narrow worthy executive and representative of a great | band of this beautiful light fur encircles the



This stylish Redfern gown consists of a deep electric blue velvet, trimmed with a band of stone marten. The bodice, from which falls a stone marten. The bodice, from which falls a deep fringe of brown, blue and gold cords, is also of velvet, braided in brown and gold. The sides and back of the skirt and the boler jacket and sleeves are of light electric blue cloth trimmed with fur upon the collar and cuffs. The wide hat is of the velvet with fur edge and trimmings of lighter blue and gold tinsel ribbon.

Corn," showed the ability of the singer in effective gesture and brought the people to their feet uproariously. Miss Batson fell into the enthusiasm of the occasion and acceded to the encore she is a quiet, unassuming little body. Her gown last night was yellow satin and black lace. In her hair she wore a broad gold filigree fillet, corwin shaped and sparkling with gems. The notice one or two other gems, quite in the cloth trimmed with fur upon the collar and Emersonian vein. For instance, "Enforced cuffs. The wide hat is of the velvet with fur benevolence is taxation, and excessive taxation edge and trimmings of lighter blue and gold

Stories About Stonewall Jackson From the New York Tribune.

Apropos of the death of Gen. Cadmus Wilcox I recall some characteristic anecdotes concerning Stonewall Jackson which he was in the habit of relating. When Jackson first entered West Point he was regarded as a remarkably stupid and green youth. Gen. Whiting, who afterward served in the confederate army, was then a cadet in the class above Jackson's. and was appointed to ask him some ques-tions in mathematics, in accordance with the custom which then prevailed at the Military hogany in this instance half a thousand strong Academy. Whiting thought him at first reand clear-headed men, who take their politics markably dull, but noticed that he studied and and clear-headed men, who take their politics very seriously, met to put Grover Cleveland squarely on the track for '92. This was the dinner of the Reform Club, an organization whose vigorous growth is a striking and a very hopeful sign of the times. At this dinner, again, there was little pretense of spontaneity. The toasts had been carefully apportioned from Davis, then a member of the House, around contact public men, the respective private to positive at the White House. among eminent public men, the principal to a reception given at the White House, speech being reserved for Mr. Cleveland. The Later both Davis and T. J. Jackson turned their ex-President could not but have felt faces toward the Rio Grande. At the close of

to speak after the manner of men, he got there just the same; and he made his point just as bought a fiddle, several bows and a pile of rosin. Gleveland makes his, by a certain relentless You will remember at West Point there was no seriousness of purpose and a phlegmatic industry of action along a chosen course that in the end tires out opposition and breaks it down by simple inertia. These fat men with an instinct minute he can spare he devotes to practicing on for rule in them, like Bismarck, for example, or Henry the Eighth, are tough customers to in his vicinity are beyond description; almost the fiddle and the sounds which fill the barracks beyond endurance."
"Be patient," said Whiting, with a smile; "if
"Tom' Jackson is determined to master his violin you will listen to a second Paganini before

When on my day of life the night is falling.

And, in the winds from unsunned spaces blown,
I hear far voices out of darkness calling Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant, Leave not its tenant when its walls decay; O love divine, O Helper ever present,

I have but Thee, O Father! Let Thy spirit Be with me then to comfort and uphold; No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit Nor street of shining gold.

Suffice it if, my good and ill unreckoned,
And both forgiven through Thy abounding grace
I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
Unto my fitting place. Some sheltering shade where sin and striving And flows forever through heaven's green expan-

The river of Thy peace. There from the music round about me stealing.
I fain would learn the new and holy song.
And find at last beneath Thy trees of healing,
The life for which I long.

THEY DIVIDED THE POT. A Great Game of Draw, in Which the Deacon and the Colonel Showed Sporting Blood.

From the New York Sun.

"I sat down to a quiet little game of draw a The sight of two brilliantly colored fish and couple of weeks ago up in a sing little town in western New York," said John Gilbert, the traveling groceryman. "There were five us in the couple of weeks ago up in a sing little town in a lot of little fish, evidently their offspring, attracts a crowd every day in front of an aqualistic of single control of tracts a crowd every day in front of an aqualistic of single couple of weeks ago up in a single town in a lot of little fish, evidently their offspring, attracts a crowd every day in front of an aqualistic of two brilliantly colored fish and Arternoon class, \$10; eventra class, \$6; private lessons, \$20.

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kick yourself from here to Rochester. There's your five. Five better.'

"The deacon suallingly came in and raised the colonel's bet five. And so it went on until it took the deacon's last five chips to raise the colonel. The colonel had just five left.

"It's a colossal shame to have to call on such a hand as I've got,' said he; 'but what's the use? I call you, deacon. What you got?' straight!' said the deacon, his smile broadening.

"Straight!' said the colonel. 'And it'll best any straight you've got.'

"Guess not, replied the deacon. There's an ace on top of mine.'

"Ace high here!' exclaimed the colonel.

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"'King next,' said the deacon, smiling more

" 'King here!' said the colonel.

" 'Queen next.'
" 'Queen here!'
" 'Jack next.'

" 'Jack here!"

" 'Ten next,' said the deacon, still smiling. " 'Ten here!' exclaimed the colonel. "Yen here!" exclaimed the colonel.
"Now I've got you! said the deacon, and his smile was a sight. "Mine's all clubs!"
"Now you hain't got me, by thunder!" shouted the colonel. "Mine's all spades!"
"The deacon laid down his hand.
"Well, I'll be d——! exclaimed the colonel, laying down his hand!

laying down his hand. "So will I! cried the deacon, but withdrew the remark and said he'd be dinged. "Sure enough, there they lay, two beautiful straight flushes. One was just as good as the other, and two madder men you never saw than the colonel and the deacon. All they could do, of course, was to divide the pot. What were the winnings? Well, the colonel and the deacon each put in forty chips. I had in one and the fellow next me had in one. Forty-two. They each drew out twenty-one, and won a cent apiece. Oh, didn't I tell you? We were playing penny ante, five cents limit."

A Remarkable Colored Singer. From the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette. Miss Flora Batson, known as the greatest colored singer in the world, created such a furore in Old City Hall last evening that before the program was half through the excitement had become so intense that cries of "bravo" were heard from all parts of the house, many were heard from all parts of the house, many people arose to their feet, and applause was uproarious and deafening in its intensity and not only rounded out the conclusion of selections, but broke in spontaneously at every interlude. The audience was largely made up of colored people and the entertainment itself was given for the benefit of the Ebenezer Colored Baptist Church. The singer was certainly a marvel. Her voice showed a compass of three octaves, from the showed a compass of three octaves, from the fight his mate if she corner close to any of the special attention of Plurchasselli in the set is finished the female approach the finished the female approach the female approach the female approach the substitute of the set is finished the female approach the female approach the female approach the substitute of the set is finished the female approach the female approach the female approach the substitute of the set is finished the female approach scope. So quickly and easily could the transition be made that duet selections for the male and female voice were charmingly rendered old they look like the adult fish. and with the effectiveness which might result from two well-trained voices. Almost the entire program was relegated to Miss Batson, two soloists of local renown, Will H. Thompson and Isaac Washington, and the choir of the Ebenezer Church furnishing the only outside selections. Not only were the program numbers rendered by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but three and even four results receased by the colored Jenny Lind, but the co three and even four recalls were acknowledged. Prof. Gittings presided at the piano and urged on the encores with intense satisfaction. One encore selection, "Polly, the Cows Are in the Corn," showed the ability of the singer in effecornament was the gift of citizens of Philadelphia presented to her in the Academy of Music phia presented to her in the Academy of Music after a successful concert. About her neck she wore a beautiful necklace with availed themselves of the opportunity of phia cook a son, Tourist Arencies Thos. Cook a son, Tourist Arencies long pear-shaped pendants, the gift of the New York people at the conclusion of an engagement there some time ago. Each manufacturer of Carbondele who stranged by the stranged by the shaking the explorer's hand. Among the New York people at the conclusion of number was Mr. E. E. Hendrick, a wealthy NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD S. S. CO.

portant town on the Shannon, would regenerate East Galway, much as the new lines of railate East Galway, much as the new lines of railway of today are to regenerate Mayo and Donegal. The local landlords—they still flourished in those days—provided a fair share of the cost of the works. The government lent the balance on mortgage. In due time the railway failed to pay even its working expenses. The government foreclosed. The railway was shut up. This was bad enough; yet this is by no means the worst. For the other day it was proposed to resume traffic on the line under certain local to resume traffic on the line under certain local to resume traffic on the line under certain local guarantees. The details were well-nigh settled, when it was found that the line was non-existent. The rails had been torn up and the sleepers removed by the neighbors. The line belonged to no one, only to the government, which had foreclosed, and had not thought it worth while to employ a watchman to protect the property.

the property. Georgia's Latest Dog Story. A gentleman of Athens, says the Athens (Ga.) Banner, has a fox terrier which seems to have something more than instinct. There appears to be someting like reasoning power directing some of her actions. She has been sleeping in the basement of the house in a box placed under the stairs for her convenience. Recently one of the servants missed a small shawl, which early in the morning and late at night she had been accustomed to wear. A short time ago she went down stairs late at night, and, glancing into Spot's box, saw the dog snugly wrapped up in the shawl. She didn't disturb the dog, but told her master about it the next morning, and he concluded to watch the dog that evening. The shawl was missing as usual during the day. At night, when everybody else had left the basement, he saw Spot scratch away a lot of kindling wood in the cellar and scratch out the shawl. She pulled it across the floor to her box, and, carefully adjusting it, took one corner in her teeth and rolled over twice. In the morning the shawl was not in her box, and a search of the woodpile revealed that the clever dog had removed it and carefully covered it up. the basement of the house in a box placed

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game. One was Col. Bolton of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and one was the good Deacon Bogers of the the species ever performed before in this councillation and besting a specialty. ing having occurred, and it came to the deacon to deal. It was the colonel's ante. I didn't get any kind of a hand, but I chipped in with the colonel. The player who sat next to me came in, and the man next to him didn't stay. The deacon raised the ante five. The colonel saw him and stayed. I had no further business with the pot and dropped out.

"How many cards, colonel?" said the deacon, smiling blandly, and ready to count off the colonel saw who had the fish sent to New York who had the fish build their nexts. The sharps who had the fish build their nexts. The sharps who had the fish build their nexts. The sharps who had the fish build their nexts. The sharps who had the fish build their nexts. The sharps wh

want any, either. Your bet.'

"The colonel bet five, the limit. The deacon saw him and raised him five. The colonel stood the raise and went five better. The deacon, still smiling, came to the front and raised the colonel five more.

"Hadn't better go any further, colonel," said the deacon. Tve got you beat bad.'

"Never you mind me," said the colonel. "When I get through with you you'll want to kick yourself from here to Rochester. There's your five. Five better.'

"The deacon smilingly came in and raised green to blue, sometimes showing white spots, and kiding Habits. Tailor systems. Old-excitation of the body are crimson, with ten or twelve vertical blue stripes. The tail is crescent in shape and is crimson, with a blue border.

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of her diamond rings, one set with eighteen stones, has been the gift of admiring audiences. She has been singing for the last evicey years, and with her manager, J. H. Bergen, is now returning from a concert tour of eighteen months' duration along the Pacific tary of the treathy seemed as though the clamor of the tary of the treathy seemed as though the clamor of the audience would never quiet.

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"That so?' said the deacon, still smiling, as he laid down the pack. 'Sorry for you. I don't want any, either. Your bet.'

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